



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

BURST et al.

Serial No. 09/782,305

Filed: February 14, 2001

For: DIVIDING WALL COLUMN FOR FRACTIONATION OF A MULTICOMPONENT MIXTURE

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Examiner: Unknown Knodle

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in Germany under the International (Paris) Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Stockholm Act July 14, 1967) is hereby requested and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed.

Germany: 100 08 643.9

Filed: February 24, 2000

A certified copy of the priority document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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